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SECURITY COUNCIL
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Letter dated 21 December 1992 from the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am instructed by the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which retains the powers and responsibilities of the Provisional Government of Palestine, to bring the following to your immediate attention.

In reference to Security Council resolution 799 (1992), unanimously adopted on 18 December 1992, and to follow up my letters dated 17 and 18 December 1992 (A/47/805-S/24983) regarding the Palestinian civilians deported by Israel, the occupying Power, on 17 December 1992, I should like to bring to your attention the status and the extremely harsh living conditions of the deportees in their present location. Such a situation, in our opinion, necessitates an even more rapid implementation of resolution 799 (1992), especially the request made by the Council to you, with the aim of ensuring the safe and immediate return of the deportees to their homes in the occupied Palestinian territory, and the return of all other deported Palestinians, as well as the implementation of all other parts of the resolution.

I must also draw your attention to the criminal acts, especially the practice of indiscriminate shooting, committed by the Israeli army against

Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip on 19 December 1992, which resulted in the death of seven Palestinians, including a girl nine years of age. Today, another child was shot and killed as well. Further, the Palestinian people living in the occupied territory remain under severe kinds of collective punishment imposed by the Israeli authorities, such as the imposition of an around-the-clock curfew in the Gaza Strip since 13 December 1992.

We alert the international community to such a dangerous situation, which may even deteriorate further as a result of Israeli policies and practices, and we believe that the international community, particularly the United Nations, should shoulder their responsibilities in an effective and speedy manner to put an end to such tragedy.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 30, 35, 73 and 74, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. Nasser AL-KIDWA
Permanent Observer of
Palestine to the United Nations

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REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Jorge OSELLA (Argentina)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered agenda item 103 in conjunction with agenda item 104, entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993", at its 14th to 17th, 19th to 21st, 40th, 44th, and 45th meetings, on 26, 29 and 30 October, 2, 4 to 6 November, 9, 14 and 15 December 1992. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of these items are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/47/SR.14-17, 19-21, 40, 44 and 45).

3. For the consideration of this item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates to the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 (A/C.5/47/2 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/47/7/Add.1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1994-1995 (A/47/358) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/47/7/Add.9);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (A/C.5/47/16);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on extrabudgetary resources of the United Nations (A/46/545), the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/47/7/add.9);

(e) Note by the Secretariat on the application of workload analysis techniques at the United Nations (A/C.5/46/CRP.1);

(f) Follow-up report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Management Advisory Services of the United Nations (A/46/327 and Corr.1) and the comments of the Secretary-General (A/46/327/Add.1);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the prototype of a new budget format (A/C.5/47/3) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/47/7/Add.9);

(h) Note by the Secretary-General on procedures and norms for the creation, suppression, reclassification, conversion and redeployment of posts (A/C.5/47/4) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/47/7/Add.9);

(i) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/47/16, Parts I and II). 1/

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.17

4. At the 51st meeting, on 20 December, the Vice-Chairman, following informal consultations, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.17 entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993", and orally corrected operative paragraph 18 of section III.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.17 without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution I).

6. Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Australia and Japan (see A/C.5/47/SR.51).

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/47/16).

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.24

7. At the 51st meeting, the Vice-Chairman, following informal consultations, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.24, entitled "Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1994-1995".

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.24 without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution II).

9. Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Cameroon and Uganda (see A/C.5/47/SR.51).

C. Draft decision A/C.5/47/L.30

10. At the 52nd meeting, on 21 December, the Chairman submitted draft decision A/C.5/47/L.30 entitled "Biennial programme of work for the Fifth Committee for 1993-1994".

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/47/L.30 without a vote (see para. 13).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

12. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 43/213 of 21 December 1988, 44/200 of 21 December 1989 and 45/254 of 21 December 1990 on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

Reaffirming its resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992 on the revitalization of the United Nations Secretariat,

Also recalling its resolutions 46/185 of 20 December 1991 on questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 and 46/186 of 20 December 1991 on the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993,

Having considered the reports submitted by the Secretary-General under the items on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and on the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, 2/

Also having considered the relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination 3/ and the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 4/

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1. Reaffirms that the search for efficiency initiated through resolution 41/213 is a continuing process;

2. Notes that workload standards and other management techniques which are of crucial importance to the determination of the resources required for the fulfilment of mandates in the various domains of activity of the Organization remain unutilized;

3. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to develop such standards and to use them to the extent possible for the preparation of his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, as well as for the submission of statements of programme budget implications, revised estimates, and other documents related to the use of resources in the Organization;

4. Emphasizes that the presentation of extrabudgetary resources in the programme budget, in relation to posts, priorities and other aspects of the functioning of the Organization, needs to be further improved; in particular, it is necessary to present in the programme budget data on the actual amount of extrabudgetary resources received and utilized during the previous period, as well as to improve the quality of the forecasts for such resources;

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5. Stresses that the restructuring of the Secretariat should be in conformity with the objectives and guidelines/principles set out in its resolution 46/232 and in close consultation with Member States and relevant intergovernmental bodies;

2/ A/C.5/47/2 and Corr.1, A/C.5/47/3, A/C.5/47/4, A/46/327/Add.1, A/46/545 and A/C.5/46/CRP.1.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/47/16), parts one and two.

4/ A/47/7/Add.1 and A/47/7/Add.9.

6. Reaffirms the role of the General Assembly with regard to the structure of the Secretariat, including the creation, suppression and redeployment of posts financed from the regular budget of the Organization, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the Assembly with comprehensive information on all decisions involving established and temporary high-level posts, including equivalent positions financed from the regular budget and extrabudgetary resources;

7. Takes note of the relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination; 5/

8. Concurs with relevant comments and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 6/

9. Regrets that the report on revised estimates does not include information on the programmatic aspects and implications of the restructuring as requested in resolution 46/232;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Committee for Programme and Coordination and other concerned intergovernmental bodies with all relevant information which will enable them to identify and analyse the programmatic aspects and consequences of the restructuring of the Secretariat in the areas of their competence and invites them to submit their comments and recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

11. Takes note of the current revised estimates arising from the initial phase of the restructuring of the Secretariat, including the proposals for transfers of resources among sections, on the understanding that, pending the work of the relevant intergovernmental bodies, the Secretary-General will submit to the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee in early 1993 revised estimates of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to submit in these revised estimates all the revisions in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 associated with the restructuring process as well as the programmatic aspects and justifications of the restructuring of the Secretariat requested in resolution 46/232;

13. Decides, with regard to the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraph 261 of its report, 5/ to consider in early 1993 the proposed reduction of high-level posts contained in the current revised estimates and requests the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly, in the context of the revised estimates referred to above, his proposals for the number and distribution of high-level posts in the Secretariat for the remaining part of the 1992-1993 biennium;

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/47/16), part two.

6/ A/47/7/Add.1.

III

14. Endorses the proposed new budget format and the related conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and invites the Secretary-General to continue improving the presentation of the programme budget, notably in terms of facilitating a comparison of appropriations and actual level of expenditure by object;

15. Regrets that the note by the Secretary-General 7/ on procedures and norms for changes in the staffing table does not contain proposals for improving the current methods and processes;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to improve the presentation and justification of the changes in the staffing table of the Organization that he may propose in the context of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

17. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on all issues related to the creation, suppression, reclassification and redeployment of posts;

18. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit an analytical report on all aspects of the restructuring of the Secretariat, including its effects on programme delivery, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, in the context of the implementation of resolutions 41/213, 44/211, 43/213, 44/200, 46/232 and the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1994-1995

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, by which, inter alia, it requested the Secretary-General to submit in off-budget years an outline of the programme budget for the following biennium,

Recalling also its resolutions 43/214 of 21 December 1988 on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1990-1991 and use and operation of the contingency fund and 45/255 of 21 December 1990 on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1992-1993,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 8/ the relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination 5/ and of

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7/ A/C.5/47/4.

8/ A/47/358.

the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 9/

1. Reaffirms that the proposed programme budget outline shall contain, in accordance with the provisions of annex I to resolution 41/213, an indication of (a) a preliminary estimate of resources to accommodate the proposed programme of activities during the biennium, (b) priorities reflecting general trends of a broad sectoral nature, (c) real growth, positive or negative, compared with the previous budget and (d) the size of the contingency fund expressed as a percentage of the overall level of resources;

2. Reaffirms also that the outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium, promote a greater involvement of Member States in the budgetary process and thereby facilitate the broadest possible agreement on the programme budget;

3. Notes that the proposed outline for the programme budget 1994-1995 takes into account the budgetary aspects of the restructuring of the Secretariat;

4. Approves the methodological changes reflected in the report of the Secretary-General 8/ and recognizes that further improvements in the preparation and presentation of the outline may be required;

5. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of the following paragraphs;

6. Invites the Secretary-General to prepare the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 on the basis of the total preliminary estimate provided by the Advisory Committee of 2,386,400,000 United States dollars at the initial 1992-1993 rates, to be adjusted at revised 1992-1993 rates;

7. Reaffirms the need for a comprehensive and satisfactory solution to the problem of controlling the effects of inflation and currency fluctuation on the budget of the United Nations;

8. Decides that the contingency fund of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 shall be established at the level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate of resources for the biennium 1994-1995, to be recosted at 1994-1995 rates;

9. Recalls in this regard that a review of the level and use and operation of the contingency fund, a well as the procedures for the provision of statements of programme budget implications, shall be undertaken by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

9/ A/47/7/Add.9.

10. Takes note of the proposals of the Secretary-General, of paragraph 223 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination 5/ and of the views expressed by Member States on priorities, and requests the Secretary-General, when preparing the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, to give particular attention to them and to the priorities contained in the introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and endorsed by General Assembly resolutions 45/253 and 45/255 of 21 December 1990;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 in accordance with the present resolution and all resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly pertinent to the new budgetary process.

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13. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Biennial programme of work for the Fifth Committee for 1993-1994

The General Assembly decides, in accordance with paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/220 of 20 December 1991, to approve the biennial programme of work for the Fifth Committee for 1993-1994, annexed hereto.

ANNEX

Biennial programme of work for the Fifth Committee for 1993-1994

A. Programme of work for 1993

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

6. Joint Inspection Unit

7. Pattern of conferences

8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

9. United Nations common system

10. United Nations pension system

11. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

12. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

13. Report of the Economic and Social Council

14. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

B. Programme of work for 1994

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

4. Programme planning

5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

6. Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

7. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

8. Pattern of conferences

9. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

10. Personnel questions

11. United Nations common system

12. United Nations pension system

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UNITED NATIONS COMMON SYSTEM

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Jorge OSELLA (Argentina)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "United Nations common system" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered this item at its 23rd, 27th, 29th, 31st, 35th and 50th meetings, on 10, 17, 19, 24 November and 11 and 19 December 1992. Comments made in the course of the discussion of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/47/SR.23, 27, 29, 31, 35 and 50).

3. For the consideration of this item, the Committee had before it the eighteenth annual report of the International Civil Service Commission. 1/

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/47/L.7

4. At the 50th meeting, on 19 December 1992, the Chairman of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.7, which was prepared following informal consultations.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 30 and corrigendum (A/47/30 and Corr.1).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.7 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

United Nations common system: report of the International Civil Service Commission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the eighteenth annual report of the International Civil Service Commission 2/ and other related reports, 3/

Reaffirming its commitment to a single unified United Nations common system of conditions of service,

I

A. Role and functioning of the International Civil Service Commission

Reaffirming that, under article 9 of its statute, the International Civil Service Commission, in the exercise of its functions, shall be guided by the principle set out in the agreements between the United Nations and the other organizations, which aims at the development of a single unified international civil service through the application of common personnel standards, methods and arrangements,

Recalling its request to the Commission to assess the impact on the United Nations common system of resolution R. 1024 of the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union with respect to the payment of the special post allowance,

Recalling also its request to the Commission to propose measures to be undertaken by all organizations of the United Nations common system to enforce and enhance respect for, and adherence to, the common system of salaries, allowances and conditions of service,

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2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 30 and corrigendum (A/47/30 and Corr.1).

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 9 (A/47/9); and A/47/7/Add.6; A/47/578; A/C.5/47/25, A/C.5/47/36, A/C.5/47/37, A/C.5/47/38 and A/C.5/47/66.

Noting with regret that a further payment of the special post allowance was made to the staff of the International Telecommunication Union in spite of the views expressed by the General Assembly in section II of its resolution 46/191 of 20 December 1991 against such action,

1. Reaffirms the central role of the General Assembly with regard to the elaboration of the conditions of service for the United Nations common system as a whole and that of the International Civil Service Commission as the independent technical body responsible to the Assembly for the regulation and coordination of those conditions of service of the common system;

2. Notes with satisfaction the efforts made by the Commission to enhance its contacts with the governing bodies, executive heads and staff of organizations of the United Nations common system in order to strengthen the cohesiveness and unity of that system and, in this context, to emphasize its advantages;

3. Endorses the views of the Commission concerning the impact on the United Nations common system of resolution R. 1024 of the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union with respect to the payment of the special post allowance;

4. Urges the governing bodies and the executive heads of all organizations to ensure that the Commission is invited in its own right to be represented at meetings where proposals pertaining to salaries, allowances, benefits and other conditions of employment are to be discussed;

5. Notes that the Commission will study in 1993 the issues of accelerated language increments and working hours;

B. Staff participation in the work of the Commission

Reaffirming that article 28, paragraph 2, of the statute of the International Civil Service Commission, elaborated in its rules of procedure, provides staff representatives with the right, collectively or separately, to present facts and views on any matter within the competence of the Commission and that staff representatives may attend meetings and may address the Commission on matters on its agenda,

Recalling section II of its resolution 45/241 of 21 December 1990, by which it expressed satisfaction with the establishment of a more active dialogue between the Commission and representatives of the organizations and staff, and section I of resolution 46/191, by which it took note with appreciation of the improvements that have taken place in the functioning of the Commission,

Regrets the suspension of the participation of the staff bodies in the work of the Commission and urges the resumption of the dialogue between the International Civil Service Commission and the staff bodies, which is of fundamental importance for the achievement of the goals of the common system;

C. Biennialization of the programme of work of the Fifth Committee

Welcoming the adaptations that the International Civil Service Commission is making to its work programme in the light of the biennialization of the work of the Fifth Committee,

Taking note of the conclusions reached in respect of the Commission's current work schedule as contained in paragraph 29 of its report, 2/

Concurs with the arrangements proposed for dealing exceptionally with the base/floor salary scale on an annual basis and other urgent salary matters on a timely basis as set forth in paragraph 28 of the report of the Commission; 2/

II

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND HIGHER CATEGORIES

A. Margin considerations

Recalling its decision that the Noblemaire principle should continue to serve as the basis for the determination of conditions of service of the United Nations common system staff for the Professional and higher categories,

Recalling also that it had endorsed the methodological approach, as outlined in paragraph 173 (d) of volume II of the fifteenth annual report of the International Civil Service Commission, 4/ for the calculation of the net remuneration margin,

Recalling further section IV of resolution 46/191, by which it decided, without prejudice to previous decisions on the averaging of the margin around the mid-point over a five-year period, that any post adjustment increase in New York which may become due until 1994 may be implemented to the extent that it is compatible with the upper limit of the margin and that, in this regard, it had endorsed the procedure proposed for the management of the post adjustment system within the current margin range as contained in paragraph 109 (b) of the Commission's seventeenth annual report, 5/

1. Takes note of the conclusions of the International Civil Service Commission as contained in chapter IV of its report regarding the evolution of the margin and its management over the five-year period 1990-1994; 2/

2. Takes note also of the Commission's study of the methodology for determining the cost-of-living differential between New York and Washington, D.C., in the context of net remuneration margin calculations;

4/ Ibid., Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/44/30), vol. II.

5/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 30 (A/46/30).

3. Requests the Commission to take into account the views expressed by the Member States on the completion of the above study and to submit a report on the application of the methodology to the General Assembly;

B. Base/floor salary scale

Recalling section I.H of its resolution 44/198 of 21 December 1989, by which it approved the establishment of a floor net salary scale by reference to the corresponding base net salary levels of officials in comparable positions serving at the base city of the comparator civil service,

Approves, with effect from 1 March 1993, the revised scale of gross and net salaries for staff in the Professional and higher categories contained in annex I to the present resolution and the consequential amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations as reflected in annex II to the present resolution, and takes note of the views expressed by Member States in this regard, and its linkage with the mobility and hardship matrix referred to in section V of the present resolution;

C. Comparator

Recalling section VI of its resolution 46/191, by which the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions of the Commission in respect of a methodology for conducting checks to determine the highest-paid civil service, as contained in annex V to volume I of its seventeenth annual report, 5/

Recalling also that, in section VI of its resolution 46/191, it invited the Commission to analyse the potential consequences of the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990 on the pay levels of the current comparator, the United States federal civil service, providing in the analysis full details of all the special pay systems which have been introduced by the comparator civil service, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session,

Noting that the comparisons carried out by the Commission in response to a request from the Administrative Committee on Coordination with other major international organizations outside the common system had indicated that the remuneration levels at those organizations were higher than those of the common system,

Reiterates its request to the Commission to complete phase I of its study leading to the identification of the highest-paying civil service, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, and in this context invites the Commission also to study all aspects of the application of the Noblemaire principle with a view to ensuring the competitiveness of the United Nations common system;

D. Rental subsidy scheme

Recalling its request to the International Civil Service Commission to examine experience gained with the functioning of the current rental subsidy scheme at headquarters duty stations as contained in section III of its resolution 45/241,

1. Concurs with the conclusions of the International Civil Service Commission as contained in paragraph 130 of its report; 2/

2. Requests the Commission to ensure that the modalities for implementation of the rental subsidy scheme are conveyed to the organizations;

E. Special occupational rates

Mindful of sections I and II of its resolution 46/191, by which it acknowledged that the United Nations common system and the International Civil Service Commission should be responsive to the special needs and concerns of the participating organizations, while emphasizing that such needs and concerns should be addressed within the common system,

Taking note of the views of the Commission concerning the introduction of special occupational rates within the common system, as set out under paragraphs 172 to 175 and 177 of its report 2/ and of the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee,

Stressing that special occupational rates should be introduced only in exceptional cases of proven recruitment and retention difficulties, as determined by the Commission in close cooperation with the organizations concerned,

1. Endorses in principle the approach outlined by the International Civil Service Commission in paragraph 177 of its report 2/ for the introduction of the special occupational rates in the common system, and requests the Commission to submit recommendations for the consideration of the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

2. Emphasizes that special occupational rates should be subject to the provisions of paragraph 174 of the report of the Commission and should be specific to individual posts where there are demonstrable recruitment and retention problems and should be time limited;

3. Requests the Commission to consider the feasibility and effects of including the special occupational rates in the calculation of the margin and also requests the Commission to report to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

F. Dependency allowances

Recalling section I.G of its resolution 44/198, by which it requested the International Civil Service Commission to reconsider the methodology for the determination of dependency allowances in the light of the tax practices of the comparator,

Noting the Commission's review of this matter, as contained in paragraphs 178 to 193 of its report, 2/

1. Approves with effect from 1 January 1993 an increase of 21 per cent in the children's allowance and with effect from the same date an increase of 50 per cent in the secondary dependant's allowance and the recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission in respect of eligibility criteria and the maintenance of the local-currency entitlement system;

2. Notes that the Commission will review the level of dependency allowances every two years, in order to ensure, inter alia, that all relevant changes in tax and social legislation have been taken into consideration;

G. Conditions of service of the assistant secretaries-general and under-secretaries-general and the structure of the salary scale

Recalling section V of its resolution 45/241, by which it requested the International Civil Service Commission to reconsider, in a comprehensive manner, the remuneration of staff of the organizations of the United Nations common system at the assistant secretary-general, under-secretary-general and equivalent levels,

Taking note of the recommendations of the Commission as contained in paragraph 173 of its seventeenth annual report 5/ and repeated in paragraph 207 of its eighteenth annual report, 2/

Recalling also section VII of its resolution 46/191, by which it deferred consideration of the recommendations of the Commission to its current session,

Recalling further that, in section IX of its resolution 46/191, it had requested the Commission to include in its work programme a review of the differences between United Nations and United States net remuneration at individual grade levels and to report to the General Assembly at the earliest opportunity,

Mindful of the proposals of the Secretary-General in respect of the conditions of service of under-secretaries-general and assistant secretaries-general 6/ and the reports of the Secretary General on representation allowances for this category of staff in the United Nations, 7/

Taking note of the views expressed on this question by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 8/

Taking into account the comments of Member States in the Fifth Committee,

Taking note also of the recommendation of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the Commission concerning the levels of remuneration of staff at the D-1 and D-2 levels and the conclusions of the Commission as contained in paragraph 176 of the report of the Commission, 2/

1. Requests the International Civil Service Commission, in close cooperation with the organizations, to develop appropriate guidelines for the administration of the revised housing arrangements for eligible officials outlined in paragraph 173 (c) of its seventeenth annual report, 5/ taking into account the views expressed by Member States;

2. Decides to revert to the consideration of the conditions of service, including the question of representation allowances, of assistant secretaries-general and under-secretaries-general and equivalent levels at the earliest possible opportunity;

3. Invites the Commission to continue to keep under review the structure of the salary scale at all levels of the Professional and higher categories, taking into account, inter alia, the overall level of the margin as established by the General Assembly and the imbalance between the margin levels for different Professional grade levels, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

III

GENERAL SERVICE SALARY SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Recalling section XIII of its resolution 45/241 and section X of its resolution 46/191, by which, inter alia, it requested the International Civil Service Commission to report on its review of the methodology for the conduct of salary surveys of the General Service and related categories at headquarters duty stations,

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6/ A/C.5/47/37, paras. 10-28.

7/ A/C.5/46/32 and A/C.5/47/39.

8/ A/47/7/Add.6, paras. 10-20.

Taking note of the Commission's conclusions on the matter as contained in chapter V of its report, 2/

Recalling also its request to the Secretary-General, in section XIII of its resolution 45/241, to submit to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session a report on procedures whereby the Secretary-General and other executive heads could take measures regarding salary scales of the General Service category at variance with recommendations of the Commission only after consultations with appropriate intergovernmental bodies and the Commission,

1. Endorses the reaffirmation by the International Civil Service Commission of the Flemming principle as enunciated at its fifteenth session as the basis for the determination of conditions of service of the General Service and related categories;

2. Takes note of the decisions of the Commission in respect of the refinements and modifications to the methodology as contained in paragraph 231 of its report, 2/ and the procedures for their introduction as outlined in paragraph 232 of its report, on the understanding that such modifications will be taken into account beginning with the salary survey being carried out in Paris;

3. Calls upon all organizations to ensure that interim adjustments to salaries are not resumed until the recommendations from the Commission based on the comprehensive General Service salary survey are acted upon by the organizations;

4. Regrets that it has not so far received the report on procedures to be taken in the event that the implementation of a General Service salary survey is at variance with the recommendations of the Commission, welcomes the intention of the Secretary-General to implement resolution 45/241, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the report no later than the forty-ninth session of the Assembly;

IV

EDUCATION GRANT

Recalling section III.B of its resolution 43/226 of 21 December 1988, by which it approved as an interim measure the recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission for the management of the reimbursement of expenses under the education grant on the basis of different currency areas,

1. Endorses the revised methodology for the determination of the education grant as contained in annex VII to the report of the International Civil Service Commission; 2/

2. Approves increases in the maximum reimbursement levels in five currency areas, as recommended by the Commission in paragraph 252 of its report;

3. Requests the Commission to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the operation of the education grant on the basis of the revised methodology, taking into account the views of Member States on this matter;

V

MOBILITY AND HARDSHIP SCHEME

Recalling section I.E of its resolution 44/198, by which it introduced a mobility and hardship allowance with effect from 1 July 1990 and requested the International Civil Service Commission to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the operation of the allowance and the assignment grant,

Recalling also section V of its resolution 46/191, by which it requested the Commission to include in its report on the operation of the mobility and hardship allowance a cost-benefit analysis of the operation of that allowance as well as an assessment of the personnel management benefits,

1. Takes note of the conclusions of the International Civil Service Commission in respect of the operation of the mobility and hardship scheme as contained in chapter VII of its report; 2/

2. Concurs that the existing parameters of the mobility and hardship scheme be maintained;

3. Takes note also of the Commission's intention to review the operation of the scheme after more experience has been gained in its operation;

4. Requests the Commission to include the following elements in its forthcoming review:

(a) The adjustment procedure which links the matrix to revisions of the base/floor salary;

(b) The percentage levels attributed to the matrix also in comparison with those applicable in the comparator civil service and in particular those pertaining to the H and A categories;

(c) An analysis of the extent to which each of the component parts that make up the matrix meets the needs of the organizations;

(d) A precise quantification of the cost savings;

and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

VI

STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Recalling section XI of its resolution 45/241, by which it invited the International Civil Service Commission, working together with the organizations of the common system and with the staff representatives, to examine specific and practical steps to translate into action earlier recommendations and requests relating to the status of women in the United Nations system,

Appreciating the work done by the Commission's Working Group on the Status of Women in the United Nations system, as outlined in chapter VIII of the report of the Commission, 2/

1. Urges the organizations of the common system to introduce a coherent plan for improving the status of women in each organization in the course of 1993 with full respect for their basic instruments and taking into account the recommendations of the Commission. As part of this process, organizations should give attention not only to the representation, promotion and career progression of women but also to work/family-related issues, spouse employment and the creation of an organizational climate conducive to the equal participation of men and women in the work of the organizations;

2. Requests the Commission to continue to report on a regular basis both on the extent of implementation of previous recommendations in this area and of new initiatives proposed by them or introduced by the organizations to enhance the status of women in the common system;

VII

PERSONNEL POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Recalling its requests in section XII of resolution 45/241 and in section VIII of resolution 46/191 that, as a matter of priority, the International Civil Service Commission resume active consideration of the substantive areas covered under articles 13 and 14 of its statute and, notably, review merit systems and performance appraisal in the common system,

Noting, inter alia, the inclusion of studies on performance appraisal and the recognition of merit in the work programme of the Commission for 1993 and 1994,

Urges the International Civil Service Commission, as a complement to studies being undertaken in the remuneration area, to give equal attention in its work programme to measures designed to promote sound personnel management in the international public service, including recruitment forecasting, human resources planning, performance management and staff development and training.

ANNEX I

Salary scale for the Professional and higher categories showing annual gross salaries and net equivalents after application of staff assessment a/

(In United States dollars)

(Effective 1 March 1993)

Level/Steps		I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	XIV	XV
USG	Gross	148 296														
	Net D	86 914														
	Net S	78 122														
ASG	Gross	134 454														
	Net D	79 716														
	Net S	72 087														
D-2	Gross	109 444	111 946	114 448	116 948	119 450	121 952									
	Net D	66 711	68 012	69 313	70 613	71 914	73 215									
	Net S	61 183	62 273	63 364	64 454	65 545	66 636									
D-1	Gross	96 315	98 417	100 529	102 667	104 810	106 952	109 094	111 237	113 377						
	Net D	59 847	60 961	62 075	63 187	64 301	65 415	66 529	67 643	68 756						
	Net S	55 304	56 308	57 296	58 228	59 162	60 096	61 030	61 964	62 897						
P-5	Gross	84 528	86 430	88 332	90 234	92 136	94 036	95 938	97 840	99 740	101 673	103 612	105 548	107 487		
	Net D	53 600	54 608	55 616	56 624	57 632	58 639	59 647	60 655	61 662	62 670	63 678	64 685	65 693		
	Net S	49 669	50 579	51 488	52 397	53 306	54 214	55 123	56 033	56 941	57 794	58 640	59 484	60 329		
P-4	Gross	69 020	70 843	72 661	74 480	76 302	78 120	79 941	81 794	83 649	85 502	87 355	89 213	91 066	92 921	94 775
	Net D	45 271	46 255	47 237	48 219	49 203	50 185	51 168	52 151	53 134	54 116	55 098	56 083	57 065	58 048	59 031
	Net S	42 103	43 000	43 894	44 789	45 686	46 580	47 476	48 363	49 249	50 135	51 021	51 909	52 795	53 681	54 567
P-3	Gross	55 753	57 431	59 111	60 787	62 467	64 145	65 839	67 550	69 259	70 970	72 680	74 389	76 098	77 807	79 519
	Net D	38 014	38 937	39 861	40 783	41 707	42 630	43 553	44 477	45 400	46 324	47 247	48 170	49 093	50 016	50 940
	Net S	35 520	36 356	37 192	38 027	38 864	39 699	40 538	41 380	42 220	43 062	43 904	44 744	45 585	46 426	47 268
P-2	Gross	44 351	45 779	47 226	48 675	50 123	51 572	53 021	54 468	55 953	57 453	58 953	60 456			
	Net D	31 517	32 344	33 169	33 995	34 820	35 646	36 472	37 297	38 124	38 949	39 774	40 601			
	Net S	29 603	30 359	31 110	31 862	32 614	33 366	34 118	34 869	35 620	36 367	37 114	37 862			
P-1	Gross	33 277	34 580	35 910	37 256	38 600	39 944	41 292	42 636	43 980	45 337					
	Net D	24 949	25 744	26 537	27 331	28 124	28 917	29 712	30 505	31 298	32 092					
	Net S	23 565	24 299	25 028	25 758	26 486	27 215	27 945	28 674	29 402	30 130					

D = Rate applicable to staff members with a dependent spouse or child.
S = Rate applicable to staff members with no dependent spouse or child.

a/ This scale represents the result of a consolidation of 6.9 multiplier points of post adjustment into net base salary. There will be consequential adjustments in the post adjustment indices and multipliers at all duty stations effective 1 March 1993. Thereafter, changes in post adjustment classifications will be effected on the basis of the movements of the newly consolidated post adjustment indices.

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ANNEX II

Amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations

Regulation 3.3

Replace the second table in paragraph (b) (i) by the following table:

Total assessable payments (United States dollars)	Staff assessment rates used in conjunction with gross base salaries	
	Staff member with a dependent spouse or a dependent child	Staff member with neither a dependent spouse nor a dependent child
First $15 000 per year	13.0	17.1
Next $5 000 per year	31.0	34.2
Next $5 000 per year	34.0	38.4
Next $5 000 per year	37.0	41.7
Next $5 000 per year	39.0	43.7
Next $10 000 per year	41.0	45.8
Next $10 000 per year	43.0	48.1
Next $10 000 per year	45.0	50.2
Next $15 000 per year	46.0	50.8
Next $20 000 per year	47.0	52.2
Remaining assessable payments ..	48.0	56.4

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Jorge OSELLA (Argentina)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered this item at its 4th to 10th, 34th, 42nd, 45th, 50th and 52nd meetings, from 13 to 16, 19 and 22 October, 30 November and on 11, 15, 19 and 21 December 1992.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the United Nations (A/46/600 and Add.1-3 and A/C.5/47/13);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/47/1); 1/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/47/1).

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(c) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace", submitted pursuant to the statement adopted by the Summit Meeting of the Security Council on 31 January 1992 (A/47/277-S/24111);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the existing groups of Member States for the apportionment of the costs of peace-keeping operations financed through assessed contributions (A/47/484);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peace-keeping operations (A/47/655 and Corr.1);

(f) Letter dated 10 December 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/774);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States (A/47/776);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus for the period 1 June 1992 to 30 November 1992 (S/24917 and Add.1);

(i) A note by the Secretary-General transmitting, at the request of the Permanent Representative of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic to the United Nations, correspondence regarding agenda item 124 (A/C.5/47/22);

(j) Letter dated 24 November 1992 from the Secretary-General to the Governments of all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, containing a further appeal for voluntary contributions for the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping force in Cyprus (S/24938);

(k) The related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/46/765, A/47/565 and A/47/757).

4. The comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's discussion of the item and the replies to queries raised are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/47/SR.4-10, 34, 42, 45, 50 and 52).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.8

5. At the 50th meeting, on 19 December, the representative of Canada, following informal consultations, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Establishment of a Peace-keeping Reserve Fund" (A/C.5/47/L.8).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.8 without a vote (see para. 11, draft resolution I).

7. The representatives of Japan and Uganda spoke in explanation of their position (see A/C.5/47/SR.50).

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.19

8. At the 52nd meeting, on 21 December 1992, the representative of Canada, following informal consultations, introduced and orally revised draft resolution (A/C.5/47/L.19).

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.19, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 11, draft resolution II).

10. The representatives of Brazil, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Madagascar and Uganda spoke in explanation of their position (see A/C.5/47/SR.52).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

11. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Establishment of a Peace-keeping Reserve Fund

The General Assembly,

Having considered with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace", 2/

Having considered with appreciation the reports of the Secretary-General 3/ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 4/

Noting that the Organization is confronted with increasing demands and challenges in the area of peace-keeping operations,

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2/ A/47/277-S/24111.

3/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/47/1), A/46/600 and Add.1-3 and A/C.5/47/13.

4/ A/46/765 and A/47/565.

Recognizing the unpredictable nature of peace-keeping operations and the consequent necessity of giving the Secretary-General adequate resources to respond in a timely manner to a crisis,

Recognizing that it is essential to provide peace-keeping operations, especially in their start-up phases, with the necessary financial resources, to enable the timely, full and effective implementation of their mandates,

Decides:

(a) To establish under the authority of the Secretary-General effective 1 January 1993 a Peace-keeping Reserve Fund as a cash flow mechanism to ensure the rapid response of the Organization to the needs of peace-keeping operations;

(b) To authorize the Secretary-General to advance from the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund such sums as may be necessary to finance:

(i) Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses relating to peace-keeping operations within the commitment authority established by the General Assembly;

(ii) Budgetary appropriations, including start-up costs, approved by the General Assembly for new, expanded or renewed peace-keeping operations pending the collection of assessed contributions;

(c) That the advances authorized in accordance with subparagraph (b) above shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for these purposes;

(d) That the level of the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund shall be 150 million United States dollars;

(e) That Member States' shares of the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund shall remain fixed and shall be calculated on the basis of the ad hoc apportionment as set out in General Assembly resolution 45/247 of 21 December 1990;

(f) That the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund will be financed as follows:

(i) By the transfer of the balance of the excess of income over expenditures in the special accounts of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group and the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group after the credits to Member States have been applied in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 45/265 of 17 May 1991, 47/__ of _____1992 and 47/__ of _____ 1992, based on the latest rates of apportionment applied for the United Nations Transition Assistance Group and the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group;

(ii) As to the balance, by the transfer of whatever portion of the amount of 154,881,112 dollars that has been retained in the General Fund pursuant to General Assembly resolution 42/216 A of 21 December 1987 is needed in order for each Member State to reach its fixed share of the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund based on the ad hoc apportionment set out in General Assembly resolution 45/247;

(g) That States which shall become Members of the United Nations following the date of the adoption of the present resolution and which do not have a claim to a share in the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund shall contribute to the Fund in accordance with the scale of apportionment for peace-keeping operations in effect on the date of their first assessment for United Nations peace-keeping operations;

(h) That all outstanding unpaid contributions to the United Nations Transition Assistance Group and/or the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group at the date of the final liquidation of these accounts shall be transferred as receivable assets to the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund;

(i) (i) That the sum referred to in subparagraph f (i) above shall become credits available to Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full to the United Nations Transition Assistance Group and/or the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group upon the liquidation of the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund;

(ii) The sum referred to in subparagraph f (ii) shall reduce the credits available to Member States in the General Fund by the amounts transferred to the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund and shall become credits to Member States, which have no unpaid assessed contributions to the regular budget for the biennium 1986-1987, upon the liquidation of the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund;

(j) To address the issue of the imputation of interest income earned in the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund at the earliest opportunity during its forty-seventh session;

(k) That the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, without prejudice to the funding of the activities of the regular budget;

(l) To request the Secretary-General to report on actions taken to implement the present resolution at the earliest opportunity during its forty-seventh session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the existing groups of Member States for the apportionment of the costs of peace-keeping operations financed through assessed contributions, 5/

Also having considered the note by the Secretary-General 6/ transmitting a communication from Czechoslovakia to the Fifth Committee,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council in the financing of peace-keeping operations, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, entitled "General principles to serve as guidelines for the sharing of the costs of future peace-keeping operations involving heavy expenditures",

Recalling its resolution 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 setting out the composition of groups for the assessment of contributions to the United Nations Emergency Force, and also recalling subsequent resolutions relating to the composition of groups, the latest of which is its resolution 47/41 of 1 December 1992 on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia,

Also recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by peace-keeping operations, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the facts that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Reaffirming that the financing of peace-keeping operations is the collective responsibility of all Member States, in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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Recalling paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/233 of 19 March 1992 on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force,

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5/ A/47/484.

6/ A/C.5/47/22.

1. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the apportionment of the appropriations referred to in General Assembly resolutions A/46/233 of 19 March 1992, A/46/222 B of 22 May 1992, A/46/240 of 22 May 1992, A/46/195 B of 31 July 1992 and A/47/41 of 1 December 1992, that:

(a) San Marino shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (b) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989 and that its contribution to the financing of peace-keeping operations shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments;

(b) Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232, that their contributions to the financing of peace-keeping operations shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments, and that the assessment rate of the Russian Federation shall be based on its relevant regular budget assessment rates;

2. Takes note of the fact that Czechoslovakia will cease to exist as at 31 December 1992; 7/

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Recognizing that the composition of groups for the apportionment of peace-keeping expenses presently applied constitutes an ad hoc arrangement,

Noting that the report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the existing groups of Member States for the apportionment of the costs of peace-keeping operations financed through assessed contributions 5/ has not addressed all the aspects in the allocation of countries to the four groups as set out in the relevant General Assembly resolutions for the financing of peace-keeping operations,

Requests the Chairman of the Fifth Committee to call together an open-ended working group of the Fifth Committee during the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly to examine the placement of Member States into the groups for the apportionment of peace-keeping expenses, with the objective of establishing standard criteria, in order to ensure that that placement is applied in a consistent manner which could be used to allocate Member States to the groups for all future peace-keeping operations, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth regular session;

7/ A/47/774.

III

Recalling its resolutions 44/192 of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peace-keeping operations 8/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 9/

Also having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States, 10/

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peace-keeping operations,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peace-keeping operations, 8/ and concurs with the observations and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 9/

2. Also takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States, 10/ and requests the Secretary-General to keep this matter under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

3. Encourages those Member States which have not yet responded to the questionnaire sent out by the Secretary-General requesting information on military salary scales in effect as at December 1991 to do so as rapidly as possible;

4. Notes with concern that, in consequence of the shortfall of financial contributions, troop-contributing States are not being reimbursed to the full extent of the established rates for some operations;

5. Reaffirms its request that the Secretary-General, to the extent possible, make payment of arrears due to current and former troop-contributing States;

6. Invites the Secretary-General, as Chief Administrative Officer, to continue the strengthening and reform of the Secretariat units dealing with

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8/ A/47/655 and Corr.1.

9/ A/47/757.

10/ A/47/776.

peace-keeping operations, so that they can deal effectively and efficiently with the planning, launching, ongoing management and termination of those operations;

7. Reiterates its call upon all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full and on time, and encourages those States which can do so to make voluntary contributions acceptable to the Secretary-General;

8. Notes that the reports requested of the Secretary-General on the reserve stock of commonly used equipment and supply items and the use of civilians in peace-keeping operations, in accordance with paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 45/258, have not been submitted, and requests that these reports be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

9. Also notes that the report requested of the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 14 of General Assembly resolution 45/258 on a review of the present practices and approaches regarding the calculation of expenditures incurred by the United Nations in the conduct of peace-keeping operations, including the financial arrangements of the Organization with Governments in respect of such calculations, has not yet been submitted, and requests that this report be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations";

IV

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Cyprus 11/ and the decision of the Security Council as contained in its resolution 796 (1992) of 14 December 1992,

Having noted the appeal of the Secretary-General to all Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Special Account for the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus, 12/

Invites all States Members of the United Nations to respond positively to the appeal of the Secretary-General for voluntary contributions to the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus.

11/ S/24917 and Add.1.

12/ S/24938.

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SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Jorge A. OSELLA (Argentina)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Fifth Committee had before it the report of the Committee on Contributions. 1/

3. The Fifth Committee considered this item at its 17th to 20th, 23rd to 27th, 36th to 38th, 44th, 45th and 52nd meetings held between 2 November and 21 December 1992. Comments and observations made in the course of the discussion of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/47/SR.17-20, 23-27, 36-38, 44, 45 and 52).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/47/L.29

4. At its 52nd meeting, on 21 December, the representative of Barbados introduced draft decision A/C.5/47/L.29, which was elaborated following informal consultations.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/47/11).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/47/L.29 by a recorded vote of 62 to 15, with 19 abstentions (see para. 8). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zimbabwe.

Against: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine.

Abstaining: Algeria, Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, France, Grenada, Guyana, Hungary, Israel, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Maldives, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Sierra Leone, Slovenia.

6. Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Turkey, Germany, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Kuwait, Kenya, Egypt, Sweden, Morocco, Mexico, India, Ghana, Tunisia, Italy, Portugal, Uganda, Belgium, Nigeria, Brazil, China, Algeria, Latvia and France (see A/C.5/47/SR.52).

7. In consequence of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.29 (see para. 8), it is understood that:

(a) The contributions of new Member States for 1991 and 1992 shall be applied to the same basis of assessment as for other Member States, except that, in the case of appropriations or apportionments approved by the General Assembly for the financing of peace-keeping operations, the contributions of those States, as determined by the group of contributors to which they may be assigned by the Assembly, shall be calculated in proportion to the calendar year;

(b) The advances of new Member States to the Working Capital Fund under regulation 5.8 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations shall be calculated by the application of the rates of assessment in effect during their first full year of membership to the authorized level of the Fund; the advance of San Marino to the Working Capital Fund shall be added to the Fund

pending the incorporation of its rate of assessment in a 100.00 per cent scale; the advances of the other new Member States and the additional advances of Belarus and Ukraine shall be transferred from those of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, respectively.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly decides to adopt the recommendations of the Committee on Contributions with respect to the rates of assessment of Member States contained in paragraphs 51 to 64 of the report of the Committee on Contributions; 2/ paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 is amended accordingly.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/47/11).

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Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Jorge OSELLA (Argentina)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council". At the same meeting, the Assembly decided to allocate chapters I, V (sects. B to D) and IX of the report of the Council 1/ to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Committee noted various chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council in the context of its consideration of other items, notably, item 103 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations), item 104 (Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993) and item 105 (Programme planning).

3. At its 35th meeting, on 1 December, the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council that had been allocated to the Fifth Committee (see para. 4).

II. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

4. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/47/3/Rev.1).

Report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly decides to take note of chapters I, V (sects. B to D) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council. 1/